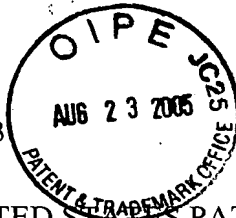


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MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREFOR, AND ARC DEPOSITION
DEVICE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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